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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for
continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/843,417
Filing Date	April 26, 2001
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Group Art Unit	2834
Examiner Name	Dang D. Le
Attorney Docket Number	450100-03177

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8
1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on February 3, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
iii. ☐ Other
b. ☐ Enclosed
i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. ☐ Other

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of
suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.170(i) required)
b. ☐ Other


3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. ☐ Other
b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$750.00 and \$410.00 are enclosed for the following: filing fee and two-month extension of time fee.
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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